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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, DR D.N. EVERINGHAM

FURTHER COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Federal Government will finance the purchase of property for three community health projects being planned by the South Australian Government.

The Minister for Health, Dr D.N. Everingham, said today that a total of \$250,000 would be made available for the projects from a re-allocation of Federal community health funds which would not be taken up by other States this financial year.

The money will be in addition to \$789,000 already made available by the Federal Government for the South Australian community health program this financial year.

Dr Everingham said that the largest of the three new grants would be used to finance the purchase of land and a building at Clovelly Park, an Adelaide suburb.

A total of \$110,000 had been approved by the Federal Government for the purchase of an existing practice premises at Clovelly Park known as the Southern Clinic, together with property owned by the practice, consisting of four shops and adjacent vacant land.

The Southern Clinic has until now been a group general practice of six partners. These practitioners will continue to work from the centre.

Dr Everingham said that the project had the support of Flinders University because of its potential as a teaching health centre and the grant of \$100,000 would be subject to a satisfactory proposal being submitted for the development of such a teaching centre.

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The Federal Government has also approved a grant of \$90,000 for the purchase of land for a regional health centre at the southern coastal town of Noarlunga.

The centre is being planned by the South Australian Housing Trust and will also serve nearby Christies Beach.

The money will enable the Trust to purchase land where it can erect a demountable health centre to provide immediate relief for the area. This project also has the support of Flinders University as a teaching facility.

The third grant announced by Dr Everingham today is \$50,000 for the purchase of a property at Mt Gambier for a domiciliary care service. The property is at present in use by the Mount Gambier Hospital as a general practice building. The Federal Government grant will enable it to be purchased for conversion into a headquarters for a domiciliary care service, a geriatric day hospital and a headquarters for a regional mental health service.

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